



Kenwood Academy Council - Sheffield
Thursday 19 March 2026 at 15:30
Coleman Suite - Nexus MAT Headquarters, Enterprise Works,
300 Meadowhall Way, Sheffield S9 1EA

Present:	Role:	Initials:
Richard Webster	Strategic Transition Lead/Chair	Chair
Richard Hadfield	Executive Headteacher	RH
Kizzy Jaycock	Staff Governor	KJ
Kathy Esberger	Governor/Vice Chair	KE
Martin Grinold (via Teams)	Parent Governor	MG
Kerry James	Staff Governor	KJ
Ella Dixon	Community Governor	ED
Also Present:		
Sarah Compai	Head of School (West Riding)	SC
Matthew Hallam	Head of School (Sheffield)	MH
Sacha Schofield	Executive Regional Director	SS
Apologies:		
Bridget Parrott	Staff Governor	BP

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Actions
1.1. To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received from BP.	
1.2. To accept apologies for absence Apologies were accepted from BP.	
2. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS	
2.1. Chair to determine any items of urgent business to be considered None.	
2.2. Confirmation of Resignation - Sorrel Morris – Parent Governor RW confirmed SM has stepped down as Parent Governor and thanked her for her time as a governor. MH confirmed flowers and a card were sent from school and on behalf of the council. ACTION: Clerking Services to send letter of thanks for time of service as a Parent Governor. Mental Health Link Governor With Sorrell's departure, the mental health link governor position is vacant . One volunteer (Kizzy) has been noted; additional expressions of interest are welcome. ACTION: Clerking Services to assist with another governor to join the AC and send information onto RH for circulation through school.	ACTION: CLERKING SERVICES 19/03/26 ACTION: CLERKING SERVICES 09/07/26
3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	
3.1. Chair to determine any terms of urgent business to be considered None	
4. KENWOOD CENTRE ACADEMY LOCAL GOVERNANCE MINUTES	
4.1. To approve the minutes of the following meeting: The minutes of the meeting held 11 TH December 2025 were approved as a true record.	
4.2. Review Action Trackers: Reviewed and updated. Website case studies: In progress; alumni contributions being collected; professional photography planned for summer. Suspension analysis: Deferred until after the de-amalgamation for clarity; to be delivered at the next meeting.	
4.3. Matters arising from the minutes	

Members agreed the recorded-summary format is effective though less detailed than previous verbatim minutes. This meant one or two things needed clarifying and Governors were advised to take own notes too	
5. SUCCESS STORIES	
5.1. Executive Headteacher Feedback from recent Ofsted Inspection • A student successfully attended an external job interview and is scheduled for barista training. • Student leaders organised a meeting to challenge curriculum processes; praised for confidence, organisation, and constructive feedback. • Council acknowledged extensive positive growth in student confidence across sites.	
6. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED	
6.1. De-amalgamation Update • From 1st of April 2026 West Riding Academy is scheduled to become a separate school. • This Council will continue as Kenwood Academy Council only. • A new Council will be created for West Riding. • Post-16 provision at Enterprise Works will continue unchanged for existing students. • Future pathways for West Riding students (especially post-16) are being discussed with Barnsley LA due to concerns regarding mainstream college suitability. 6.2. Executive Headteacher Report RH presented an overview of key developments: <u>Inclusion</u> • Inclusion remains a major strength. • Increased tracking of multiple barriers to learning (e.g., EHC plans). • West Riding and Enterprise Works show higher levels of complex need. <u>Curriculum & Teaching</u> • Recent trust quality assurance noted strong and well-sequenced curriculum progress. • Positive parental feedback specifically mentioned the curriculum offer. <u>Achievement</u>	

- Ofsted validated both academic and personal development achievements. - Significant improvements in attendance and behaviour across the school. <u>Personal Development & Wellbeing</u> - Strong culture observed. - Staff wellbeing survey underway (encouragement needed as surveys post-Ofsted are often under-completed). <u>Safeguarding</u> - Safeguarding effectiveness confirmed as meeting required standards with strong culture and practice 6.2.1 Appendix 1 – Updated SIP Verbal update received as part of Headteacher Report. 6.2.2 Appendix 2 – School SEF Verbal update received as part of Headteacher Report.	
6.3. School Dashboard Summary Document for information and distributed prior to the meeting.	
6.4. Budget Report Document for information and distributed prior to meeting.	
6.5. School Calander Document for information and distributed prior to meeting.	
6.6. Pupil Premium RW moved updates on this agenda item to the summer meeting. Action: Clerking Services to update summer agenda to reflect addition item.	ACTION: Clerking Services 09/07/26
6.7. Cabinet Members & MP's Feedback from Pupil Parliament - Students continue to give thoughtful, well-articulated feedback. - Concern raised regarding outdoor space and facilities; this is being explored strategically but constrained by site limitations. - School continues engaging with pupils meaningfully, with good modelling of democratic process.	
6.8. Skills Audit – Governor Self Assessment A new annual Skills Audit will be sent to governors after the meeting. Action: All governors to complete within two weeks of receipt and send into clerking services.	ACTION: ALL 27/03/26

7. TRUST MATTERS	
7.1. Trust Verbal Update of Key Issues SS gave an overview of the Trust updates: Nexus MAT expansion continues: • Seven Hills may join shortly (awaiting confirmation). • Levett (Doncaster) has requested to join the Trust. Central team working on implications of national policy changes (White Paper). Sector-wide concerns noted over proposed limits on special school and AP expansion.	
8. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS	
8.1. To consider any other urgent business Discussion about Nexus 10-year anniversary celebrations, including installations featuring student footprints and potential enterprise student involvement. Governors expressed interest in how the Council can support the event planning.	
9. CONFIDENTIALITY	
9.1 To consider the confidentiality of any items discussed during the meeting None.	
10. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS	

Thursday 9 July 2026	15:30 - 17:30	Nexus MAT Headquarters, Enterprise Works
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Minutes approved

CHAIR	SIGNATURE	DATE